## DRUM BEAT







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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to create an engaging teaching-learning environment that values student individuality and encourages students to:

- · recognize and achieve their full potential,
- collaborate in the learning process,
- become lifelong learners, and
- participate actively in their local and global societies.







Dear Arapahoe Parents,

February 2016

It is hard to believe that we are already four weeks into our new academic semester. One of the great things about our school calendar and grade marking periods is the opportunity for a fresh start at the beginning of each semester. Faculty often make small adjustments to improve their planning and classroom instruction, and students make fresh commitments to stay on top of reading and other important homework assignments. Highly motivated students see this as an opportunity to set goals for even more impressive academic achievement. It is particularly important for seniors to stay strong and finish strong. I have heard, on more than one occasion, of a senior having a college offer rescinded based on "senioritis" behaviors and slacking off in the last semester of high school. As always, please feel free to contact your student's teachers at the earliest sign of concern in a class. We often think that, as high school students, they do not need parental involvement. Sometimes that gentle reminder that you are checking the parent portal in Infinite Campus on a regular basis helps hold them accountable. Arapahoe will also continue the practice of sending home emails to let you know when students are failing classes via a confidential email.

This month we will be having our **fourth Advisement session**. The lesson will include time for students to complete a brief **feedback survey regarding Advisement**. We will use the results from the student survey as well staff feedback to make adjustments and improvements to future Advisement lessons. In this lesson, we will also be teaching our students how to use the **Safe2Tell anonymous reporting system**. Included will be information about how to access the system as well as guidance about when NOT to use Safe2Tell. While students are encouraged to use it as a way to report and keep one another safe, it is not the fastest and best way to seek help if someone is in imminent danger to themselves or others. Calling 9-1-1 remains the fastest way to seek this type of help. We will also be helping students understand the time and resources it takes on the part of the school as well as law enforcement to investigate each Safe2Tell tip. Therefore, it is important that tips turned in are valid and as detailed as possible.

Arapahoe continues to prepare our students to be career and college ready. We have recently received our 2015 Graduation Rate from the Colorado Department of Education, and Arapahoe's Class of 2015 had an impressive **92.8% on-time graduation rate!** I am proud of our strong teaching faculty, outstanding and dedicated students, and our supportive and encouraging parents for making it possible for our students to perform so well on these important assessments. Way to go, Warriors!!

With the Winter Assembly, Winter Dance, and over half of our winter sports season behind us, it is the time of year when we are looking forward to the many exciting events of the spring. We are grateful for the many parent volunteers that step up to create an amazing After Prom for our students each spring. If you are interested in helping, please contact a member of our wonderful PTO, whose contact information can be found in this newsletter. Spring also brings important standardized tests for our students. All freshmen will take the CMAS on April 19-21. All sophomores will take the PSAT on April 20. All juniors will take the Colorado State ACT exam on April 19, and the Colorado State Science CMAS on April 21. One night of Arapahoe Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 3 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Details on these events can be found in later articles in this issue of the Drum Beat.



Another exciting opportunity for our Warriors this spring is a special visit from many of our friends from the **Wind River Indian Reservation in Riverton, Wyoming**. Representatives from the Arapaho (and other tribes) will come sing, dance, and speak in many of our classes to teach us about their culture and traditions. We are looking forward to their visit and the opportunity to nurture our special relationship with the people for whom our school was named.

We are happy to roll out our **new-and-improved Arapahoe High School website** this month! Stay tuned for an email communicating the official change. Please continue to check our Arapahoe High School website at <a href="www.arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net">www.arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net</a> for immediate news and information. Remember you can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Thank you for your continued support of Arapahoe High School. We love working with your students and appreciate you very much!

Sincerely

Natalie Barronlo

Natalie Pramenko Principal

#### **Student Parking Lot**

Juniors & Seniors parking only, with permit

The student parking lot is full to capacity. Only juniors and seniors with a valid parking permit are allowed to park in the student parking lot!



Thank you, Arapahoe High School

## ARAPAHOE!



College Night - Monday, February 22, 2016 6:00-8:00pm

AHS will be hosting a College Night for junior, sophomore, and freshman students and their parents on Monday, February 22, 2016. Our keynote speaker will be Jill Athenour, an independent college consultant, who has spent 25 years in education, including over 10 years working in college admissions. Jill will show you how to break the college admissions process into steps so it is manageable and stress free!

In addition to our keynote speaker, there will be a variety of break-out sessions. Students and parents can choose two break-out sessions to attend that evening. Please come and get a look at what's ahead for you and your college bound student! More information, including a Google interest form, will be coming soon.

The evening will begin at 6:00pm in the school theater. Please park in the east parking lot to access the building. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, February 22nd for this informative evening!

#### **Guidance Center Guidelines**

### Senior Information Awards Convocation!

<u>Parents</u>-Please help us honor your student at the Awards Convocation on May 16. Typically, the Guidance Center is **not officially notified** of any scholarships or awards your student may receive from organizations or post high school institutions. PLEASE notify the Guidance/Post Grad Center of all scholarships your son or daughter receives, including merit based awards, by giving Kristin Hall a copy of the award correspondence.

#### **Graduation Requirements**

Seniors-Check graduation requirements for final semester. You are responsible for making sure that you have met all of your graduation requirements by May in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Make an appointment with your counselor if you have any questions. Remember that all college acceptances are contingent upon successful completion of high school credits.

#### **Junior Information**

#### The Colorado State ACT test <u>required</u> for all Juniors is Tuesday, April 19, 2016. More details will follow.

Juniors may take their college entrance tests beginning with the February 2016 test dates. However, later spring testing dates are preferable because more of the tested material will have been covered in classes. We strongly encourage taking the SAT and a possible additional ACT (in conjunction with the State ACT given on Tuesday, April 19, 2016) during the spring of your junior year. Often students find it difficult to schedule college entrance exams during the fall semester of their senior year. Call your student's counselor if you or your student have any questions.

Counselors will meet with juniors during their Western Civilization class in April to review graduation requirements and scheduling for their senior year. The meetings will take place in the Forum. Juniors who do not have a Western Civilization class should plan to attend the presentation in the Forum during one of their off hours.

SAT/National ACT Test Dates						
ACT - www.actstudent.org		SAT Reasoning/Subject Tests - www.sat.collegeboard.org				
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline			
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5, 2016	February 5, 2016			
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016			
September 10, 2016	TBD	June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016			
October 22, 2016	TBD					
December 10, 2016	TBD					

#### CTE (Career and Technical Education)

Sophomores and juniors who are interested in taking a course through the Area Career and Technical School (ACTS) next year will need to submit an online application in the coming weeks. New courses have been added and students may choose from various career fields. Many of these classes earn college credit through Arapahoe Community College. More information on the programs, including online applications, can be found at <a href="https://www.lps2.it/ACTS">www.lps2.it/ACTS</a>. The priority deadline to submit applications is February 28th, as some courses fill up quickly. Students need to meet with their counselor prior to signing <a href="https://www.lps2.it/acts">up</a>.

#### **College Classes**

**Current AHS sophomores and juniors** may wish to consider taking college courses in the fall of next year. Through the Concurrent Enrollment program, tuition for these classes may be reimbursable through the school district. A lunchtime meeting was held for interested students on January 28. Students should see their counselor for further information.

#### **Sophomore Information**

Sophomore students are scheduled for one-on-one appointments in the Post Grad Center during spring semester. During their appointments, they will complete a career interest assessment and receive career information using Naviance, the web-based college and career readiness planning tool we use at Arapahoe.

#### Financial Aid Information for College Bound Seniors: Help with Your FAFSA

The window to submit your Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u> website opened on January 1st. While the federal deadline is June 30, please be aware that each college can determine its own deadline. Be sure you understand the college's definition of deadline, whether it is the date they receive your FAFSA or the date your FAFSA is processed.

Would you like assistance filing your FAFSA? Please put College Goal Sunday on your calendar! On Sunday, February 21st from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, the Arapahoe Community College Littleton and Parker campuses will host the College Goal Sunday event where attendees will receive free professional guidance on ways to pay for college, specifically how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA must be completed for a student to receive any type of financial aid, including grants, work study, student loans, and even many scholarships. Students are encouraged to submit their FAFSA at their earliest convenience to receive as much financial aid as possible.



In order to complete the FAFSA at the College Goal Sunday Program, you and your parents will need your 2015 federal tax records. You will need to refer to the following:

- 2015 tax forms: If you have not filed 2015 taxes, you may bring 2014 taxes. You will be able to log back into the FAFSA and update your information at a later time.
- Social Security number (if applicable)
- Driver's license (if applicable)
- 2015 W-2 Forms
- 2015 untaxed income records Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- Your 2015 bank account estimates
- 2015 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Your alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- If possible, please register for an <u>FSA ID</u>. This will allow you to electronically sign your FAFSA for faster processing.

College Goal Sunday will take place at 20 other locations across Colorado. Spanish translation will be available, and more than \$20,000 in scholarships will be handed out on Feb. 21. For more information, please contact ACC Senior Recruiting Specialist Liliana Diaz at liliana.diaz@arapahoe.edu or 303.797.5960.

#### **Scholarship information**

Many Arapahoe High School students will be awarded merit scholarships, automatic awards based on GPA and standardized test scores. In addition to merit scholarships, there are competitive scholarship opportunities that can be found on each college website. Beyond school specific scholarships, there are local scholarship opportunities made available to AHS students in Naviance. This scholarship list is updated twice a week and has a corresponding file in the Post Grad Center. Students can also check out the online scholarship databases posted on the Post Grad website. As always, note the scholarship requirements and deadlines to ensure a complete and timely submission.

#### **Awards Convocation**

If your student is awarded a scholarship of any kind, please provide a copy of the award correspondence to Kristin Hall in the Post Grad Center. This includes school specific scholarship awards your student will not be using if he/she has chosen another school. Parents, this information will help us honor your student at the Awards Convocation night on Monday, May 16, 2016. Please submit this information no later than May 1st.

#### Arapahoe High School Honor Roll 4.0 G.P.A. or Higher

Arapahoe High School is proud to announce that the following students received a 4.0 G.P.A. or higher during first semester, 2015-2016. The Honor Roll is posted in the Cafeteria and also includes the names of those students who received a 3.0 to 3.99 G.P.A. **Congratulations!** 

**Seniors** Elizabeth Albeck Caroline Amann Ethan Anderson Nathan Anderson Lindsey Archipley Jason Arnell Emma Bachali Alexander Bailey Jonathon Bailey Audra Barrow Jake Becker Nicole Belin Ethan Bilek Carter Boh Jessa Braunreiter Mason Brevia Alexandra Brown Austin Brumley Joseph Buckley Ashley Burcham Clare Burnett Trevor Call Anthony Cannon Rebecca Carlson Victoria Castle Amelia Cavazos Angelina Chavez Victoria Chena Maxwell Coan Claire Comstock Cooper Cordero Shania Criszia Carson Crooks Alexander Cruz Sarah Dafoe Sara Davis Alyssa Decolati Warren Denewiler Madeline Doucet **Brooke Dreier** Diana Durnford Christine El-Dirani Grace Engel Elizabeth Eshleman

**Grant Evans** 

Felipe Faraco

Harrison Finch

Olivia France

Sarah Franklin

Kvra Gardner

Mitchell Gardner

Mollie Gardner

Gregory Gassen

Faith Fyles

Sidney Farquhar

Laura Fitzgerald

Katharine Flanders

Kyla Nies

Maddison North

Thomas Nowlan

Lauren O'Breza

Alyxandra Golden Steven Goldy Julia Goncalves Jacob Goodman Samuel Goodreau Jennifer Groene Avery Hall Julia Hall Zachary Hall Nicholas Harauth-Galyas David Harrell Rachel Haysley Rebecca Hein Megan Henke Nathan Herr Jacob Hirschhorn Grace Ho Ethan Hoggan Mackenzie Holland William Hostetter Zachary Ila Alexandra Jackson **Daniel Jones** Mackenzie Jones Jennifer Kadarisman Joseph Kleeman Carey Kocur Lauren Koehler Thadeus Labuszewski Shannon Lamb Angela Le Hannah Lea Charles Leonard Lucy Lutz Nicholas Maddalone Mary Maji Erica Martinez Alec McCranie Lucas McDaniel **Emily McDonald** Sarah McEntire Joseph McSoud David Merkel Kristen Miranda Davis Misloski Aili Mivake Halev Mordini Olivia Morley Nicole Morrall Declan Murray Kevin Murrow Megan Nelson Chelsea Neumann Shawn Nguyen

Riley O'Rourke David Packer Ally Payne Madeline Perez Christine Perkins Breanda Petsch Connor Phibbs Michelle Piccone Avery Plantz Nathan Poulter Russell Powell Rebecca Reder Jacob Reed Rvan Sailor Hunter Sanborn Kathrvn Sanders Beniamin Sandrin Dillon Scala Henry Schaefer Haleigh Schultz **Hunter Scofield** Sarah Shortall Petra Sikorski Sarah Slack Monica Smith Megan Snell Ethan Snow Lezly Sosa Gallegos Gabrielle Stein Adam Ten Hoeve Nicholas Thompson Joseph Thurston Jaret Townsend Sophia Trifiletti Lauren Tusa Eion Tyacke Cameron Unks Zachary Upthegrove Katelynn Vaccaro Emma Vahle Dylan Van Denend Capri VanGilder Jordyn Vega Taylor Verbsky Kelsev Voael Emma Von Breitenfeld Brianna Wall Haden Waski **Emily Webb** Jaclyn Wieber Patrick Wilson Atlee Witt Zachary Woosley

Abigail Anderson **Emily Armstrong** Courtney Armswood **Everett Arnold** Connor Babbs Hayden Barrows Anna Baughman Jeremy Belin Erik Bensen Jessica Berning Stella Bispham Marlo Borton Kyle Boten Elizabeth Brandel Joseph Brock Kyle Burkey Julia Burns Cameron Burroughs Christopher Burroughs Jacob Carl Grace Carlson **Brent Cary** Jordan Chandler Rylie Cimino Savannah Clark Danielle Comstock Gretchen Conley Ciara Coughlan Alexandra Crowder Jordyn Davis Zakary DeBaggis Tiana Decolati Rita DeSautels Kiley Dindinger Jacob Draudt Kyla Dunn Brooke Edgerton Griffin Eiber Laurel Eiber Amanda Esguerra Eliza Fink Marcus Flinders Lauren Friedauer Esther Gardner Michael Gibbs Jessica Girard Katelin Godfrey Cami Goldsberry John Griffin Mason Gueller William Hall Abigail Hathorne Grant Hengsteler Faith Hindman Kassidy Hogan Deborah Holmes

Haley Holton

Jack Hoye

Rebecca Huntington Joseph Ingalls Elena Jaureaui Maya Grace Karel Elianna Kearby Kyle Kennedy Jason Kiehlbauch Bailey Kleeberg Maiya Kondratieff Sophie Kramer-Steward Justin Kuhl Patrick Kunz Joseph Labuszewski Mackensie Larson Lucy Lawrence Elizabeth Lebar John Lebar Jayden Liberty Nicholas Luci Briana Madden Anna Malinek Allison Marizza Marissa Martinez Katherine Matson Madelyn Matthews Sydney Maxson Madelen McHugh Caroline McPhillips Sanat Mehta Alexandra Miller Eve Miserlian Spencer Morton Abigail Naumann Kristeen Neuman Patrick Newell Jacob Novak Thomas Orr Kira Pahlau Matthew Parone Margaret Paulsen Breanna Peterson Jordan Pettevs Miriam Phillips Tatum Ramsey Samantha Randall Megan Rayl Amy Raymond Drake Salas Mikaela Sauter Nicholas Schaecher Lorelei Schoenstein Ryan Shapiro Kimberly Shelton Sarah Siayap Kelly Smith Sara Soltes McKenzie Stahmer Savannah Stanley

Kasina Wootten

Sophia Yano

Simon Alger

**Juniors** 

#### Arapahoe High School Honor Roll 4.0 G.P.A. or Higher (cont.)

#### Juniors (cont.)

Madisen Strecker Peter Strouse Colin Suszynski Electa Sutton Mitchell Sweeney **Brian Thomas** Grant Townsend Ellora Tummala Walker Urban Griffin VanAnne Nathan Waanders Maxwell Wilson Jessica Winn Hannah Wood Macy Ziegler

#### Sophomores

Haley Archuleta Jenna Bates Kiah Benham Annalise Betts Isabella Branscomb Abigail Browne Erin Buckley Kelly Burke Madeleine Cannon

Justin Cao

Liria Capdevila Benjamin Chilton Hannah Chorpenning

Madeline Clark **Keely Conant** Jessica Cooper

Emma Cox Anaela Dean Kennedy Dickie

Sophie Engel Harper Finch Lauren Goldv

Jessica Gouin Rachel Green

Madeline Gross Daniel Guo

Griffin Hampton Evan Hanson Margaret Hanson

Jackson Harvey

Collin Hayes Courtney Helseth Hogan Henz

Benjamin Heronimus

Allie Highsmith Brendan Hinckley

Justin Holmes Abigail Hustis Joshua Jackson

Sofia Jauregui Mackenzie Johnston

Abigail Jones Isabelle Jones Zachary Jordan Sarah Karoussa Henry Kline

Rafael Levy Diner Hannah Lewin Harper Maguire

Tony Mai

Olivia Maloney Morgan McArdle Anna McCollister

Morgan McNeill Melissa Mendes

Tvla Merrill Bettina Meske Amelia Middleton

Jake Miles-Colthup Joseph Miller

Kai Mizuno Payton Moody Chloe Moore Chloe Myers

William Naumann Alicia Nguyen Morgan Oliva Joshua Otto

Thomas Packer Elizabeth Palmer

Mya Parsons Maggie Piazza Elizabeth Pierpont

Seth Porter Lauren Ramsev Merrill Redfearn Jacob Reed Caroline Rilev

Jack Sanders Noelle Schramm Graham Schultz

Rebecca Schwisow Rachel Searle Delanev Smith Kayla Smith

Peyton Smith Sean Spindler Isabella Sumner

Melkorka Sverrisdottir Carly Sweet

May Tang Alexandra Thompson

Delaney Todd **Anand Trehan** Anna Van Denend Samantha Walker Kelly Waugh

William Weigl Maraaret Wortman

William Xu Kirk Zieser

#### Freshmen

**Emily Abernathy** Kiennes Adams Nelly Alger

Emma Alpern Ethan Anzia Christine Attai Andrea Baer Annalise Baker Carissa Baker Anika Barrow Katherine Bennett Rvan Bennett

Hannah Blanchard Obolsky

Chelsea Boh Tyler Boyd Anna Brandner Mitchell Burcham Emma Burge **Brett Burns** 

Andrew Butscher Grace Cadorette

Noah Carl Grace Cavazos Zachary Caylor Jeffery Christianson Carlee Clifford Spencer Cobb Ashley Coutant Lane D'Agostino

Kylie Dailey Gracie Daniel Ryan Dieffenbach Ryan Dunahay Trevor Dunfee Paiae Dzenaelewski **Robert Edwards** 

Jane Egan Saige Elison Spencer Flemina Paris Floyd Margaret Foa

Cameron Gail Olivia Golden Sienna Golden Eden Goodiel

Mallory Gueller Madeline Hahn Anna Hall

Brittany Hanna Jacob Hansen Casey Harguth

**Emmy Hawkins** Johnathon Henke Daniel Hill

Elizabeth Ho Michaela Ho Genevieve Hults Kavla Huskev

Jack Huston Hunter Jackson Julia John

Alana Johnson Chloe Johnson Nicholas Johnson Benjamin Jones

Chase Karel Michelle Kearby Rachel Kelley Ekaterina Kikilo Madison King Ethan Kirk Allison Kolpak Mikaila Kuhl Kayla Lampe Zachary Lefever Erika Litson Devin Luedke

Walker Lynch Carissa MacFarland

Anna Maji Eliana McClarie Matthew McCoy Caitlin McKoy Pauline Nguyen Logan O'Dea Declan Palmer Lindsey Parungo

Julia Pauls Hayden Peirce Hannah Perry Connor Peterson Lauren Peterson Jacqueline Pham Jaelynn Plummer Maren Porter

Turner Pruitt Emma Purcell Adeline Reichert Isabelle Revilla Maximillian Richards Jocelyn Robbins Piper Rundell

Seial Porter

Annika Schaecher Matthew Siayap Walker Sparling Derek Sweeney Aiden Sweezey Caroline Swomley Riley Tennant

Ethan Vahle Gabreece VanAnne

Julia Vartuli Rebekah Voelkelt Gage Voss Tegan Wall **Audrey Weiss** Julia Whitcher Luke White

Chantelle-Ann Whittaker John Wilson

Seth Wilson Ashley Wuthrich



## Congratulations! 2015-2016 Arapahoe Teacher of the Year: Vicki Lombardi/World Languages

World Language teacher Vicki Lombardi was recognized as Arapahoe High School's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year at the winter pep assembly on January 22. This is the first year Arapahoe has given this award; Lombardi was nominated by her peers, students, and parents based on the following criteria:

**<u>Deliver Results</u>**: Deliver results to students and Arapahoe Community

**Foster Teamwork**: Promote collaboration in the classroom and in the department while inspiring students, colleagues, and the community with a positive vision for Arapahoe and its future.

<u>Model Character:</u> Demonstrate integrity, honesty, and courage, and treat others with dignity and respect. <u>Demonstrate Growth Mindset:</u> Make thoughtful decisions, show sound judgment, exemplify professionalism, and reflect upon practice.

Mrs. Lombardi is a Spanish teacher at Arapahoe, teaching Spanish II, Spanish III, and Honors Spanish III this year. She also serves as the Chair of the World Languages Department and has worked at Arapahoe for 7 years.

One student wrote about Mrs. Lombardi: "You can walk into Mrs. Lombardi's class, on any day, at any time, with any class, and you will see a woman who is passionate, positive, kind, and dedicated. Her teaching style is simple and effective. She adjusts to students who need extra help and challenges each student individually, all with a graceful patience and mom like sense of humor. She is deliberate yet gentle, wise yet humble. Ask her students what the result of Mrs. Lombardi's teaching is and they will show you an ear and mind for language and love for learning."

A parent said, "She is not only a strong teacher but she is quite the mentor to the kids. She cares about each student in and out of school and their lives which creates a unique bond and allowed my daughter to love and enjoy every day of learning her Sophomore and Junior year in Mrs. Lombardi's class. She still remains very close to her and continues to help her in all areas of school an life."

Another staff member wrote, "Vicki is one of the kindest, most helpful people in the building. She genuinely cares for every student in her class, and all of her kids know it. She embodies the spirit of 'Warriors always take care of one another.'"

We will continue to honor Mrs. Lombardi throughout the rest of the year for this great honor. Congratulations, Mrs. Lombardi!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs.Vicki Lombardi

World Languages

AHS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

2015-2016



#### **News From The Art Department**

Beginning in October 2015, the art department has been featuring an Artist of the Month who has been chosen because of his/her outstanding technique and originality. The Artist of the Month are some of our most dedicated and talented artists who have shown great creative accomplishments. February's Artist of the Month is Senior Kaley Hinchsliff. Stop by the Art Department to see Kaley's acrylic painting on canvas on display.

The LPS District Art Show is currently taking place at Arapahoe Community College. There are many talented artists on display from AHS, and we encourage you to come out and admire all of the hard work our students have demonstrated so far this year! The show will be on display until the Closing Reception on February 9th from 5-7 p.m. The Reception is open to the public and will feature an awards ceremony for outstanding work.

Our 12th annual Art Attack is quickly approaching, and we will start accepting entries for the show in March. Any student can enter work into the show, so start thinking about your submissions now! See any of the art teachers for more details.

#### **Business Department**

#### Personal Finance Scholarship Reminder

If your son or daughter is a senior and has taken or is currently enrolled in Personal Finance, please encourage him/her to apply for the \$1,000 Personal Finance Scholarship that is awarded annually by Colorado Business Bank in Littleton. This is a great opportunity to help pay for college that is generously sponsored by a member of our local business community. Applications are due **May 1st** to **Mrs. Hall** in the Post Grad Center.

#### **DECA**

The following Arapahoe DECA members will be competing at the State conference at the Broadmoor Hotel from February 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Good luck!

Aikens, Tyler	Engerman, Darby	Jones, Mackenzie	Schaefer, Henry
Broussely, Allison	Evans, Grant	Kocur, Carey	Schultz, Graham
Buckley, Erin	Finch, Harper	Labuszewski, Thadeus	Schultz, Haleigh
Buckley, Joey	Fischer, Nick	Leonard, Charlie	Shortall, Sarah
Burke, Dean	Fleming, Hugh	Lepetsos, Emily	Shurley, Kili
Call, Trevor	Floyd, Emma	Naumann, Abigail	Sikorski, Petra
Carman, Caroline	Fox, Tate	Pastorius, Ian	Stahmer, McKenzie
Conn, Morgan	Franklin, Sarah	Perkins, Chrissy	Thompson, Nick
Decolati, Alyssa	Goodman, Jacob	Reed, Jacob	Tougaw, Ryan
Decolati, Tia	Ismert, Hadley	Rosen, Grant	Van Gilder, Capri
Durnford, Diana	Johnson, Jordan	Scala, Dillon	Wood, Hannah

#### **FBLA**

Students will be attending the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) District Leadership Conference on February 12, 2016, at Johnson and Wales University. We have 128 members competing in over 50 different business related events. A list of all state qualifiers will be posted in next month's issue of the Drumbeat.

#### FBLA Meeting dates:

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Conference information and practice

February 10th - Conference information and practice/brainstorming for volleyball fundraiser

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Meet at 6:15 am in Cafeteria-Conference/Competition

February 17th – Pizza celebration/Volleyball fundraising planning session

March 2<sup>nd</sup> — Volleyball fundraiser-plan and organize event

#### **National Business Honor Society**

Last semester, students were invited to informational meetings presented by University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business and University of Northern Colorado's Business School. Membership certificates will be presented at our Banquets in May. Congratulations on your success.

## Performing Arts Department Students Of The Month

The Performing Arts Department would like to recognize and thank the following outstanding students who were named Students of the Month for January 2016:

Vocal Music: Rebecca Carlson Instrumental: Jodee Whitehead Theatre: Elizabeth Lynch

Again, thank you for sharing your talent, energy, and time.

#### **Student Council News**

#### **MEETINGS**

All Arapahoe students are invited to student council meetings every Tuesday morning at 6:45 a.m. in the Forum.

#### **PHILANTHROPY**

Recently, Student Council invited members of the student body to present charities they would like to support during our annual **Warrior Week** which, this year, will take place Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 18th. The selected charity this year is the Joshua School. The Joshua School, with locations in Denver & Boulder, is a private, non-profit educational and therapeutic day treatment center for individuals and families challenged & enriched by Autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities. We look forward to supporting this amazing organization and would love to see students, parents, and community members at the events below.

#### Arapahoe Singers and University of Colorado Buffoons Concert

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Theater - 7:00 p.m.

Senior vs. A.H.S. Staff Basketball Game, sponsored by DECA

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Main Gym - 7:00 p.m.

\$5 tickets for both events will be available for purchase during lunches beginning Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Student Council will also sell t-shirts at this time as well as at the door with 100 percent of the profits going to the Joshua School.



Congratulations to the Varsity Cheers for their performances at State in December. They placed 4th overall in the state.

In addition to preparing for the State Competition, both JV and Varsity made time for giving back to the community. They sang Christmas carols to senior citizens at a local Assisted Living Home. They also painted the senior citizens fingernails to get them ready for their nursing home holiday party.

Tryouts for the 2016-2017 season will be held beginning the week of April 4th-8th, 2016.

## Upcoming Important Dates for Spring Sports Spring Sports Mandatory "Athletic Night"

Monday, Feb. 8th @ 6:00 p.m. - AHS Theatre for all spring athletes and their parents

"Pink Card" Distribution

Monday, Feb. 22nd from 10:35 a.m. - 12:09 p.m. (Track & Field)
Tuesday, Feb. 23rd from 10:35 a.m. - 12:09 p.m. (Baseball & Boys Swim/Dive)
Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 11:29 a.m. - 12:48 p.m. (Girls Golf, Soccer & Tennis)

Registration is now open for Baseball, Boys Swim/Dive, Track & Field, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Girls Golf, Girls Soccer and Girls Tennis. Log on to www.ahswarriors.org and follow the instructions on the Home Page to sign up.

#### Boys' LAX – Game On!

The Arapahoe Lacrosse Club is psyched to kick off our Spring Season! We're thrilled that so many of our players have prepped this winter in box league and in our strength training workouts.

If you are planning to tryout for our Spring Season please make sure you have a pink card—you can not tryout without one.

Tryouts are Monday, February 29 through Thursday, March 3 at David Lorenz Park from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Tryouts continue on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> with time and location TBD.

Tryouts are drop off only; Parents are not invited to watch. Players please allow time for check in on first day to receive pinnie and name tape.



All Arapahoe girls looking for a spring sport - It's not too late to register for Girls Lacrosse!!!

Tryouts start February 29th, and the season begins in March. Come on out and hang with your friends and some great coaches!

Please go to our <u>website</u> at girls.ahslax.org and register online now to start receiving email communication about the season!





#### Track and Field Season Is Here!

Parents Meeting
February 29, 2016
6pm AHS Forum
All parents of Track and Field Athletes
are encouraged to attend.

#### **News From our PTO Presidents**

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered already this year. Arapahoe has always had a very strong parent volunteer community and once again this year we continue to put hours into making Arapahoe strong. As we start the Spring semester, we have started thinking about PTO for next year. If you are interested, please shoot us an email and we can discuss it. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9am in the conference room in the main office. All are welcome to come learn about joining the PTO Board.

Nancy and Kimberly arapahoepres.lps@gmail.com

#### Arapahoe After Prom

After Prom plans are underway! We have a very dedicated group that has already begun planning for your students after prom in May. This is a 30 year tradition at Arapahoe, and is always a spectacular event. But we can't do it without you! Are you creative? Artistic? Are you a good planner? We always need support for this event. It is a night to celebrate and entertain about 1,200 of our students in a safe environment after the dance. Work nights have been scheduled for artwork for the halls, and planning is happening for all other areas: ticketing, prizes, food, casino, clean up etc. If any of these areas interest you, please let us know! It takes hundreds of volunteers to put this event together and we need you. It is so much fun to participate with this. It is a great way to meet other parents, and a great way to help with an event that your student will enjoy.

Please watch for sign ups coming as we get closer to the event in other ways you can help contribute to this amazing event!

D. D. Walsh

arapahoeafterprom.lps@gmail.com

#### ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

It is a tradition at AHS to have a "senior picture gallery" at After-Prom. This year After-Prom will be April 29<sup>th</sup> and we are asking you to create a collage for your child that we may hang in the hallway at the event.

The collages you create will be displayed at After-Prom, the theme this year is: A Blast from the Past. All collages will be done in the shape of a rocket ship, an example is attached. Please follow the directions below. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

#### MAKING YOUR COLLAGE

- 1. Gather all your photos—use color copies if you don't want to use originals. Some ideas for the collages can be, a friends collage, a senior year collage, a high school years collage, a sports collage, a family memories collage, milestones in your kids life—whatever you choose, have fun with it!
- 2. To start, purchase a piece of standard 22"x28" poster board either in white or black. Please do not purchase the heavyweight board as it will be too heavy to hang. The background these collages will be hung on is gold.
- 3. Cut the poster board into a shape of a rocket ship—see attached drawing.
- 4. Put your students name, AHS, and 2016 on the front of the ship.
- 5. Glue your student's pictures to the front; please do not use tape as it will not keep the pictures on the poster board.
- 6. Neatly, on the back of the rocket ship list the student's name, parent's first and last name, and a contact phone number.
- 7. Once completed, consider having your collage laminated. That service is available at Staples in the Streets of Southglenn.
- 8. Deliver your collage to the school's main office between April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> before 3:00 p.m. each day and place the collage in the large collection box.
- 9. The collages will be available for pick up in the main office from May the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> by either a parent or the student.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: <a href="mailto:nbrumley1218@gmail.com">nbrumley1218@gmail.com</a>
Have fun creating!!!!!

KID NAME

# Arapahoe High School Class of 2020 Important Dates to Remember



<u>Honors Auditions</u> February 27, March 1, 8-10, and April 19 & 26, 2016. See times listed below.

<u>Freshman Registration</u> - Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

<u>Audition Times and Locations</u> - Please enter AHS through the West Entrance.

Please bring a #2 pencil to all auditions

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Language Arts/Social Studies 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – Room W201 Honors Geometry/Biology 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM – Room W201

Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Language Arts/Social Studies 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room W201

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Swim Waiver 6:00 PM or 7:30 PM – Pool

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Honors Algebra II 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room S8

Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.

Swim Waiver 6:00 PM or 7:30 PM – Pool

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Honors Geometry/Biology 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room W201

Non-graphing calculators are permitted, but not provided.

Advanced Business Technology 2 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM - Rooms S2 and S3

ABT2 testing is subject to change

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C21

Chinese II, III, & IV - for ALL incoming Students. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Room C23

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Spanish II & III – for Non-LPS Students 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Room C19 & C21



#### The Coffee Break

#### Deputy James Englert and Deputy James Mason School Resource Officers, Arapahoe High School

I would like to educate everyone on an issue that was brought to our attention in reference to fake ID's. It appears that some students may have fake ID's or know someone who does. The infraction you could be charged with if you are in possession of a fake ID is the following:

18-5-903.5 Criminal possession of an identification document: A person commits criminal possession of an identification document if the person knowingly has in his or her possession or under his or her control another person's actual driver's license, actual government issued identification card, actual social security card, or actual passport, knowing that he or she does so without permission or lawful authority. It is a Class 1 Misdemeanor if you are in possession of one or more identification documents issued to the same person. It is a Class 6 felony if you are in possession of two or more identification documents, of which at least two are issued to different people.

If you use the identification document, then you commit:

18-5-902 Identity Theft: A person commits identity theft if he or she knowingly uses the personal identifying information, financial identifying information, or financial device of another without permission or lawful authority with the intent to obtain cash, credit, property, services, or any other thing of value, or to make a financial payment. Identity theft is a Class 4 felony.

Students are obtaining fake ID's to get into bars, clubs, and liquor stores. Parents, please keep your child informed about the importance of not having a fake ID and the consequences they may face if they do.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.



Let's Have A Great and Safe School Year!

Please feel free to contact us at:

jenglert@lps.k12.co.us and jmason@lps.k12.co.us

303-347-6086



Alive @ 25 Class
Free for AHS Students
Monday, March 07, 2016
2:30pm-7:00pm (bring a snack)

At AHS in room W101

Register at <a href="http://aliveat25.us/">http://aliveat25.us/</a>

Alive at 25 is a highly interactive program that specifically targets young drivers between the ages of 15 and 24 and encourages them to consistently practice safe and defensive driving habits. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of teen fatalities, accounting for 44% of teen deaths in the United States. The program utilizes workbook exercises, interactive media, group discussions, role-playing, and lectures to help drivers develop the lifesaving defensive driving skills and strategies which will keep them safer on the road. All young people, ages 15-24, in the community are eligible to participate in Alive at 25. For further information on how to use this certificate to obtain a driver's permit, please click this link.

If you miss this class, check the school's website for the next class available to Arapahoe students. For questions, call Deputy James Englert at 303-347-6086.

#### Get Educated: Caring for Your Child's Mental Health and Wellness

#### Sponsored by:









#### Tuesday, March 1, 2016 6pm to 9pm

Arapahoe Community College 5900 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton, CO 80160

#### Register at: www.healingouryouth.org

#### SCHEDULE:

- **6:00:** Visit our resource fair & talk one-on-one with professionals from the field of mental health
- **6:30:** Listen to the Healing Our Youth presentation (see presenters/topics below)
- **8:30:** Visit our resource fair & talk one-on-one with our panel speakers and professionals from the field of mental health
- 9:00: Close

- Listen to a parent's perspective on raising a child with a mental disorder
- Learn important facts/statistics about mental disorders and the basic biology of mental disorders
- Learn about the adolescent brain and teen substance use
- Learn to identify unhealthy adolescent behavior
- Learn what treatments are available for mental disorders and the steps to take to access treatment
- Connect with experts and resources in mental health
- > Talk one-on-one with mental health professionals
- 2.0 CEUs offered
- Light refreshments included

#### AN INSPIRING PRESENTATION, PLUS A MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR



A Parent's Personal Story by Gina Moore, JD – Community Outreach Coordinator and Past President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Arapahoe & Douglas Counties



**Mental Disorders: Facts, Statistics & Biology** by Amy Gensler, MD – Board Certified Pediatrician with Parker Pediatrics & Adolescents; Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado, Dept. of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Colorado



**Youth Substance Use** by Dennis Ballinger, MA, LMFT, CAC III – Clinical Manager at Arapahoe Douglas Mental Health Network



**Identifying Unhealthy Adolescent Behavior** by Jocelyn Hilling, MA, NCC, LPC – Executive Director and Counselor with At Peace Therapy Centers, LLC

TBD

**Youth Speaker:** a local high school student shares his/her journey with a mental disorder and inspires hope.



**Moderated by** Jean Miller, MA, LPC, NCC, ACS- Counselor and faculty member at the University of Phoenix















## **Littleton Public Schools**

#### **COMMUNITY NIGHT**

\$4 of every ticket sold will benefit Littleton Public Schools through the LPS Foundation.



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#### Colorado Avalanche vs. Montreal Canadians Wednesday, February 17 • 6 PM Pepsi Center

### **ALL TICKETS \$24**

Seating will be <u>throughout Pepsi Center</u>, with ticket values ranging from \$41-\$123.

TO ORDER TICKETS, VISIT:

www.avstix.com/LPS2016

No Additional Taxes or Fees







LITTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

For questions please contact Kiley Long at the Colorado Avalanche: 303.405.7625 Or email Klong@pepsicenter.com





The Family of Claire Davis and the doctors of Total Orthodontics are partnering again to offer a free set of braces to an AHS student. This is the second year this offer has been extended to an AHS family.

In 2008, the Davis family helped Dr. Kevin Theroux establish the non-profit **Smile for a Lifetime of Greater Denver**. The organization's mission is to create self-confidence, inspire hope, and change the lives of children in the community. Each **Smile** recipient is required to perform a 40-hour community service project as part of the program's Pay it Forward clause. It is the wish of the Davis family and Total Orthodontics that the *Gift of a Smile* in Claire's honor and memory will lift up a member of the AHS family who in turn will pay it forward, creating a ripple effect of good will in the community.

Any full time AHS student may apply for the free braces. Financial need is not a consideration. If the student is not yet ready for orthodontic treatment, the award may be "held" until the patient is ready for treatment. Recipient will be required to complete a 40 hour service project to "Pay it Forward" in the community.

Please mail completed applications to:

Smile for a Lifetime of Greater Denver ATTN: PRA Gift of a Smile P.O. Box 3948 Littleton, CO 80161-3948

Applications are due February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Questions can be directed to <u>S4L@tosmiles.com</u>.







## Davis Family & Denver Foundation Gift of a Smile Application Form

Applicant's name:	Age:	DOB:	Gender:	
Name of parent or legal guardian:		Relationsh	ip to applicant:	
Street Address:		City:	Zip:	
Home phone number: Mobile	e number:		_	
Email address:				
Is applicant a full-time Platte River Academy or	Arapahoe H	igh School s	udent: Y / N Grade:	
GPA: School:				
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Note: Applications, pictures and supporting doc of Smile for a Lifetime of Greater Denver.	cuments will I	not be return	ed, and will become th	e property
Orthodontic Care to be provided by Dr. Kevin T	heroux and I	Dr. Brooks B	arefoot of Total Orthod	ontics
Signature of parent or legal guardian:				
Date:				





#### **Applicant Questionnaire**

1) Tell us about yourself. What do you like to do? In what extracurricular activities do you participate? What are your goals and aspirations?
2) Why do you want braces? How do you feel about your smile now? How do you think braces will improve your life now and in the future?
3) If you had a chance to do a favor for another young person or a group of young people, without any expectation of being paid back, what would you do? Tell us about any community service or volunteer work you currently do.
4) Tell us why you think you are a great candidate for the PRA & AHS Gift of a Smile.
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## 2015-2016 Dates to Remember:

Friday, February 12, 2016	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, February 15, 2016	- Presidents' Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, February 24, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Thursday, March 03, 2016	- Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening
Friday, March 04, 2016	- NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Monday, March 21-Friday, March 25, 2016	- Spring Break
Friday, April 01, 2016	- End of Six Weeks
Monday, April 04, 2016	- Freshman (Class of 2020) Registration
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	- PLC – Late Start Day
Saturday, April 30, 2016	- Prom/After Prom
Friday, May 13, 2016	- Last Day for Seniors
Monday, May 16, 2016	- Final Examinations/Senior Awards Convocation
Tuesday, May 17 & Wednesday, May 18, 2016	- Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling
Thursday, May 19, 2016	- GRADUATION Class of 2016
Friday, May 20, 2016	- Final Examinations/Arena Scheduling/ Last Day of Semester

Monday, May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day

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Next meeting date:
February 18, 2016
@ 3:30 p.m.
Main Office Conference Room

The SAC meetings are open to all Arapahoe parents and the community. Any questions, please call Assistant Principal Darrell Meredith at 303-347-6024.

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

March 3, 2016 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Main & Auxiliary Gymnasiums

As a school community, a core value we share is strong communication between Arapahoe High School and your home. All Arapahoe teachers, counselors, and administrators have made a commitment to be in attendance. No appointments are necessary. In order to allow our teachers to effectively communicate with all parents, please honor the 5 minute time limit. As always, all teachers are available by appointment if your conference requires more time. Questions? Please call 303-347-6000.



#### Save the Date!

## Arapahoe High School Senior Awards Convocation Night

Monday, May 16, 2016 **6:00 p.m. held in our Arapahoe Theater** 

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